THE PRINCIPAL DISCIPLES OF MORIHEI UESHIBA

合気道開祖 植芝盛平



Aikido Founder Morihei Ueshiba 1883-1969





Yoichiro Inoue 1902-1994 Nephew of Founder, est Shin'ei Taido



1867-1945 Vice-admiral who introduced Founder to Takeshita

Seikyo Asano



Isamu Takeshita 1869-1949 Admiral and patron-student of Founder in Tokyo



Kenji Tomiki 1900-1979 Waseda judoka and scholar, est. Tomiki Aikido



Kosaburo Gejo c1862-unknown Navy Commander and Yagyu Shinkage-ryu expert



Makoto Miura 1875-unknown Major General and atron-student of Founder



Hisao Kamada 1911-1986 Omoto believer and early Tokyo uchideshi



Hajime Iwata 1909-2003 Early Tokyo uchideshi and Waseda law graduate



Minoru Mochizuki 1907-2003 Competitive judoka, est. Yoseikan Aikido



Aritoshi Murashige 1895-1964 Judoka who later taught in Burma and Belgium

NOTES · This chart presents the major disciples of

- Aikido Founder Morihei Ueshiba during his teaching career which spanned the period of 1920 to 1969 · Ueshiba first began teaching Daito-ryu aikijujutsu in Ayabe in 1920, and then relocated
- to Tokyo in 1927. His art was known as "Aiki Budo" during the 1930s before the creation of modern aikido in postwar Iwama. • The Founder made regular trips to the Kan-
- sai area including Osaka, his native Tanabe and Shingu in Wakayama Prefecture. · Individuals are listed approximately in
- chronological order according to the decade of their first instruction from the Founder. · Those names denoted with an asterisk (*)
- first started training at an earlier date before their main study under the Founder. · Some of the persons listed were included primarily due to their prominent roles in the
- dissemination of aikido rather than duration of training under the Founder. Responsibility for this selection rests entirely with me. · Feedback concerning any errors or omis-
- sions to this chart are welcome. The chart should be construed as an ongoing project.

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Kaoru Funahashi c1911-unknown Kobukan uchideshi from Omoto family



Kenzo Futaki 1873-1966 Famous epidemiologist known as "Dr. Brown Rice"



Shigemi Yonekawa 1910-2005 Kobukan uchideshi, appears in Noma dojo photos



Rinjiro Shirata 1912-1993 Kobukan uchideshi and senior shihan in Yamaqata



Takako Kunigoshi 1911-c2000 Art student and illustrator of Budo Renshu



Kiyoshi Nakakura 1910-2000 Famous kendoka and adopted son of Founder



Tsutomu Yukawa c1911-1942 Kobukan uchideshi and Osaka dojo-cho



Gozo Shioda 1915-1994 Kobukan uchideshi, est. Yoshinkan Aikido



Yoshio Sugino 1904-1998 Early competitive judoka and Katori Shinto-ryu expert



Zenzaburo Akazawa 1919-2007 Kobukan uchideshi active

in Omoto's Budo Sen'yokai

Takuma Hisa



1895-1979 Osaka Asahi News dojocho and later Daito-ryu Kenji Tomita



patron-student of Founder Bansen Tanaka 1912-1988 Osaka prewar student,

operated Aikikai dojo

Shigenobu Okumura

1897-1977

Osaka Police Chief and



1922-2008 Began study in Manchuria, Aikikai senior shihan

Koichi Tohei



1920-2011 Aikikai Shihan Bucho, later est. Shin Shin Toitsu Aikido Saburo Wakuta



1903-1989 Famous sumo wrestler known as "Tenrvu" Minoru Hirai



1903-1998 Kobukan General Affairs Director, est. Korindo Aikido



代道主 植芝吉祥丸 **Second Doshu** Kisshomaru Ueshiba 1921-1999



現道主 **Present Doshu** Moriteru Ueshiba 1951-

1940s



Kisaburo Osawa 1911-1991 Senior Aikikai shihan dojo-cho and assistant to



Kanshu Sunadomari 1923-2010



Kobukan wartime uchideshi. est. Manseikan Aikido Tadashi Abe 1926-1984

Wartime uchideshi in

Iwama to France in 1952



1928-2002 Postwar Iwama student and guardian of Aiki Shrine

Hirokazu Kobayashi

1929-1998

Osaka dojo-cho and dis-

Morihiro Saito



seminator of aikido in Europe Sadateru Arikawa 1930-2003 Senior Aikikai shihan and



Hiroshi Isoyama 1937-Postwar Iwama deshi and Air Self-Defense Force instructor

martial arts scholar



Hiroshi Tada 1929-Senior Aikikai shihan to Italy from 1964-1971

1950s

Seigo Yamaguchi 1924-1996 Senior Aikikai shihan active internationally



Michio Hikitsuchi* 1923-2004 Kumano dojo-cho, awarded oral 10th dan in 1969



Shoji Nishio 1927-2005 Aikikai 8th dan, active internationally



Naginata adept and Aikikai Fujin Bucho Nobuyoshi Tamura 1933-2010

Postwar Aikikai uchideshi

to France in 1964

1914-2006



Seiseki Abe 1915-2011 Master calligrapher, teacher and Osaka dojo-cho



Masamichi Noro 1935-Postwar uchideshi to France in 1961, est. Kinomichi



Yoshio Kuroiwa 1932-2010 Former boxer, Aikikai student and writer on aikido



Masando Sasaki 1929-Aikikai Hombu shihan and

Shinto priest

Masatake Fujita



1937-Aikikai shihan and General Affairs Director

Katsuaki Asai



1942-Aikikai shidoin to Germany in 1965 Yasuo Kobayashi



Andre Nocquet 1913-1999 French judoka trained at Aikikai 1955-1957

Postwar Aikikai uchideshi,

est. Kobayashi Dojos



Akira Tohei 1929-1999 Aikikai shihan to Chicago, USA in 1972



Yoshimitsu Yamada 1938-Postwar Aikikai uchideshi to New York in 1964

Seijuro Masuda

1936-

Aikikai shidoin, presently

Aikikai Hombu shihan



Kazuo Chiba 1940-Postwar uchideshi to UK 1965, now in San Diego,

1960s



Mitsugi Saotome * 1937-Postwar uchideshi to USA 1975, est. Aikido Schools of Ueshiba



Terry Dobson 1937-1992 Early American shidoin at Aikikai and later author



Minoru Kurita 1943-Last postwar uchideshi, est. Aikido Seikikai



1940-2001 Aikikai shidoin, and later Aikikai Hombu shihan Kenji Shimizu

1940-

Aikikai shidoin, est.

Tendokan Aikido

1975, est. Shin Budo Kai

Norihiko Ichihashi *



Shizuo Imaizumi * 1938-Aikikai shidoin to New York



Seishiro Endo 1942-Aikikai shidoin, presently Aikikai Hombu shihan



Morito Suganuma 1942-Aikikai shidoin to



Aikikai shidoin, joined Shin Shin Toitsu Aikido

Fukuoka, Kyushu 1970 Koretoshi Maruyama



1939-2010 Aikikai uchideshi to Australia 1965, then to Belgium and New York

Shuji Maruyama

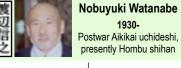
Aikikai uchideshi to USA

1966, est. Aikido Kokikai

Seiichi Sugano



Mitsunari Kanai 1939-2004 Postwar uchideshi to Boston, USA 1966



1930-Postwar Aikikai uchideshi, presently Hombu shihan



1940-Postwar Aikikai uchideshi to Mexico in 1979

Yutaka Kurita

Stanley Pranin